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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled)
2. (previously presented): An image display device, including a master display unit and a slave display unit, that displays a plurality of pictures coinciding in a position on a projection screen, the image display device comprising:
 - said master display unit, equipped with a generation unit configured to generate a first basic picture and an on-screen picture that is overwritten on said first basic picture; and
 - said slave display unit, equipped with an erasure unit configured to erase a portion of a second basic picture, which coincides in a position on a projection screen with said first basic picture, in a display region corresponding to said on-screen picture, wherein said erasure unit has a function of displaying said second basic picture in which said display region is painted out in black.
3. (previously presented): An image display device, including a master display unit and a slave display unit, that displays a plurality of pictures coinciding in a position on a projection screen, the image display device comprising:

said master display unit, equipped with a generation unit configured to generate a first basic picture and an on-screen picture that is overwritten on said first basic picture; and

said slave display unit, equipped with an erasure unit configured to erase a portion of a second basic picture, which coincides in a position on a projection screen with said first basic picture, in a display region corresponding to said on-screen picture,

wherein each of said plurality of display units is equipped with an on-screen picture set unit, an on-screen display unit that displays said on-screen picture, and an on-screen data communication unit,

wherein the on-screen picture set unit of said master display unit sets said on-screen picture to be displayed on said on-screen display unit,

wherein on-screen data corresponding to the on-screen picture set in the on-screen picture set unit of said master display unit are transmitted to said on-screen picture set unit of said slave display unit via the on-screen data communication unit of said master display unit, and

wherein the on-screen data communication unit of said slave display unit, and the on-screen display unit of said slave display unit is the same as said erasure unit.

4. (previously presented): The image display device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said on-screen communication unit is equipped with a first on-screen data communication unit, a second on-screen data communication unit, and a third on-screen data communication unit,

wherein said on-screen data are transmitted to said on-screen picture set unit of said slave display unit via said first on-screen data communication unit of said master display unit, said third on-screen data communication unit of said master display unit, said second on-screen data communication unit of said slave display unit, and said first on-screen data communication unit of said slave display unit.

5. (previously presented): The image display device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said slave display unit is equipped with a first slave display unit and a second slave display unit, and wherein said on-screen data of the on-screen picture set unit of said first slave display unit are transmitted to said on-screen picture set unit of said second slave display unit via said first on-screen data communication unit of said first slave display unit, said third on-screen data communication unit of said first slave display unit, said second on-screen data communication unit of said second slave display unit, and said first on-screen data communication unit of said second slave display unit.

6. (previously presented): The image display device as claimed in claim 2, wherein an arbitrary display unit of said plurality of display units may be selected as either one of said master display unit or said slave display unit.

7. (previously presented): The image display device as claimed in claim 3, wherein an arbitrary display unit of said plurality of display units may be selected as either one of said master display unit or said slave display unit.

8. (previously presented): An image display device comprising:
a projection screen;
a master display unit comprising:
a first picture display unit configured to generate a first basic picture; and
a first on-screen display unit configured to generate a first on-screen picture that
is superimposed on said first basic picture;
a first slave display unit comprising:
a second picture display unit configured to generate a second basic picture that
coincides in a position on said projection screen with said first basic
picture;
a second on-screen display unit configured to generate a second on-screen picture
that is superimposed on said second basic picture; and
an erasure unit;
wherein said erasure unit is configured to erase a portion of at least one of said
second basic picture and said second on-screen picture in a display region corresponding
to said first on-screen picture.

9. (previously presented): The image display device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said erasure unit is configured such that said display region is painted out in black.

10. (previously presented): The image display device as claimed in claim 8, wherein because the information quantity of said second on-screen picture is essentially zero, the first on-screen picture alone is projected on said display region.

11. (previously presented): The image display device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said erasure unit is configured such that the outline of the portion of said display region painted out in black remains as the frame line.

12. (previously presented): The image display device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said first on-screen picture comprises an adjustment menu for adjusting the generated first basic picture.

13. (previously presented): The image display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein said first on-screen picture comprises a color adjustment menu.

14. (previously presented): The image display device as claimed in claim 12, wherein said master display unit is configured to be manipulated by means of a remote control unit while watching said adjustment menu to execute various kinds of screen adjustments.

15. (previously presented): The image display device as claimed in claim 8, further comprising a second slave display unit comprising:

a third picture display unit configured to generate a third basic picture that coincides in a position on said projection screen with said first basic picture;

a third on-screen display unit configured to generate a third on-screen picture that is superimposed on said third basic picture; and

an erasure unit,

wherein said erasure unit is configured to erase a portion of at least one of said third basic picture and said third on-screen picture in a display region corresponding to said first on-screen picture.

16. (previously presented): A method for displaying individual on-screen images when a plurality of image display units display overlapping basic screen images comprising:

a master display unit displaying a first basic screen image on a projection screen;

said master display unit displaying a first on-screen image superimposed on said first basic screen image;

a slave display unit displaying a second basic screen image on said projection screen coinciding in a position on said projection screen with said first basic screen image;

said slave display unit displaying a second on-screen image superimposed on said second basic screen image;

said slave display unit erasing a portion of at least one of said second basic screen image and said second on-screen image in a display region corresponding to said first on-screen image.

17. (previously presented): The method for displaying individual on-screen images as set forth in claim 16, further comprising:

selecting an arbitrary display unit of said plurality of display units as either one of said master display unit or said slave display unit.

18. (previously presented): The method for displaying individual on-screen images as set forth in claim 16, further comprising painting out said display region in black.

19. (previously presented): The method for displaying individual on-screen images as set forth in claim 16, further comprising projecting said first on-screen image alone on said display region because the information quantity of said second on-screen image is essentially zero.

20. (previously presented): The method for displaying individual on-screen images as set forth in claim 18, further comprising allowing the outline of the portion painted out in black to remain as the frame line.

21. (previously presented): The method for displaying individual on-screen images as set forth in claim 16, further comprising manipulating said master display unit by means of an adjustment menu located in said first on-screen image.

22. (previously presented): The method for displaying individual on-screen images as set forth in claim 21, further comprising making a color adjustment of said master display unit via said adjustment menu.

23. (previously presented): The method for displaying individual on-screen images as set forth in claim 21, further comprising manipulating said master display unit by means of a remote control unit while watching said adjustment menu and thereby executing various kinds of screen adjustments.

24. (new): An image display device including a master display unit and slave display units that display respectively a plurality of pictures coinciding in positions on a projection screen, the image display device characterized in that said master display unit is equipped with a generation unit which generates an on-screen picture, and said slave display unit is equipped with an erasure unit which erases the portion of said picture in display region corresponding to said on-screen picture.